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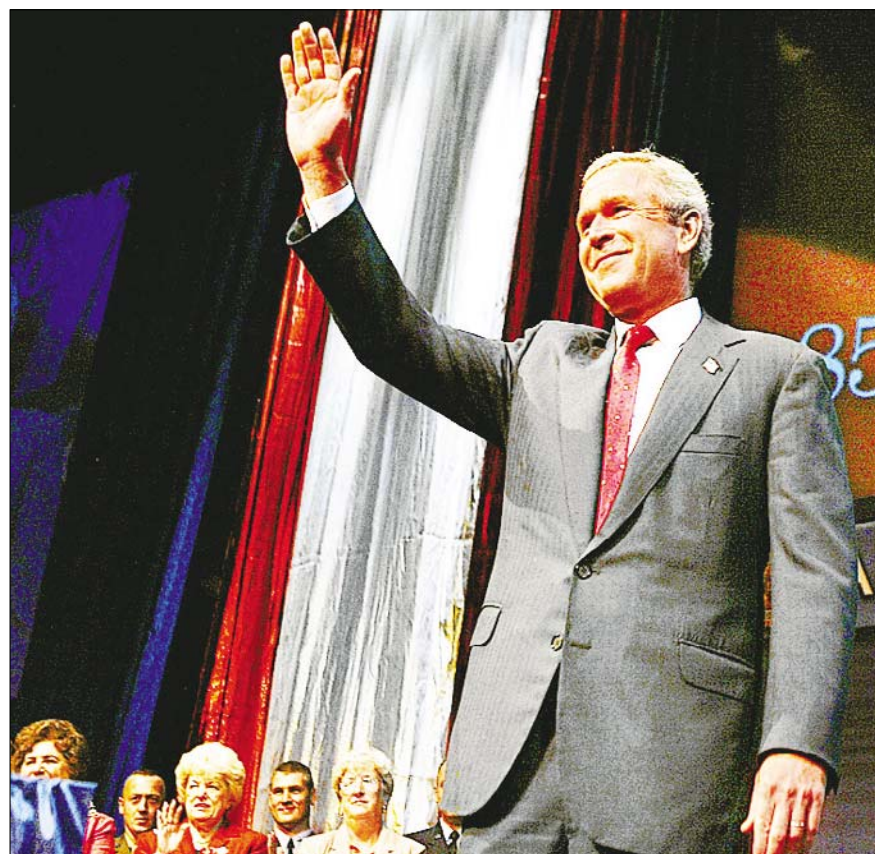
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Heavy rain, lightning and wind knock out power and close part of the Beltway

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STANDING FIRM: On a day when the postwar U.S. death toll climbed past the number killed in major combat, President Bush on Tuesday vowed "no retreat" in the war on terrorism and defended his actions in Iraq while at the American Legion's 85th national conference in St. Louis.

Report on Columbia Hits NASA

Bottom line, not safety took priority with management

WASHINGTON | NASA's overconfident management and inattention to safety were as much a cause of the Columbia accident as the chunk of foam that struck the shuttle with deadly force, investigators concluded Tuesday. Without drastic changes, they said, another disaster is likely.

In a scathing 248-page report coming almost seven months to the day after the spacecraft disintegrated over Texas, the Columbia Accident Investigation Board said the shuttle was not "inherently unsafe," but issued a series of recommendations for a safe return to flight.

"The board strongly believes that if these persistent, systemic flaws are not resolved, the scene is set for another accident," the investigators wrote.

The board said the space agency lacks "effective checks and balances, does not have an independent safety program and has not demonstrated the characteristics of a learning organization."

Board member John Barry put it this way: "NASA had conflicting goals of cost, schedule and safety. Unfortunately, safety lost out."

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe pledged to make the necessary changes. "We are, all of us at NASA, a part of the solution." **MARCIA DUNN (AP)**



O'Keefe

Anthrax Expert Sues Ashcroft

WASHINGTON | The bioterrorism expert under scrutiny in the 2001 anthrax attacks sued Attorney General John Ashcroft and other government officials Tuesday, accusing them of using him as a scapegoat for their failure to make an arrest in the case.

Dr. Steven J. Hatfill said Ashcroft and other federal authorities destroyed his reputation and ruined his job prospects by labeling him a "person of interest" in the case, circulating his photo and improperly leaking aspects of the investigation to the media.

Hatfill wants his name cleared and seeks unspecified damages from Ashcroft, the Justice Department, the FBI and other current and former FBI and Justice officials.

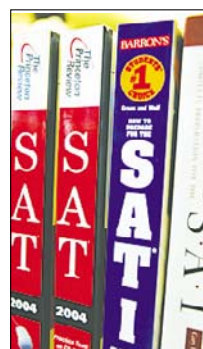
Federal officials have said Hatfill is not a suspect and that they have no evidence directly linking him to the October 2001 anthrax attacks. **SAM HANANEL (AP)**



Kiss Kiss, Bangs Bangs: Late rock critic *Lester Bangs* is still angering musicians; *Gina Gershon* peels down; *Brigitte Bardot* speaks up. Also, *Tori Amos*, *Steely Dan* and, turns out, "My Boss's Daughter" isn't a parody of an *Ashton Kutcher* flick. **ENTERTAINMENT** | 11-12

SCORES SOAR

The nation's high school class of 2003 achieved the highest scores on the math section of the SAT in at least 36 years. Students' scores in the verbal section of the test hit a 16-year high of 1,026, according to The College Board, which owns the most popular college entrance exam.



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PROTESTS

Road Hog

A pink Mercedes CDI diesel engine-propelled limousine made to look like a pig is the latest weapon in the environmental organization Greenpeace's battle against car-makers. The organization parked the pig-nosed vehicle outside the corporate offices of DaimlerChrysler during a demonstration in Berlin on Tuesday. They're protesting what activists say are harmful emissions from diesel-fuel cars. (AP)

HEALTH

The Sweet Smell of the Office

Officials in Murfreesboro, Tenn., say one smelly employee is responsible for a new policy that requires all city workers to smell nice while on the job. "No employee shall have an odor generally offensive to others when reporting to work," the city council said in a policy adopted Thursday — an order that includes smelly perfumes or colognes. The definition of body odor was left intentionally vague, but, Councilman Toby Gilley said, "We'll know it when we smell it." (AP)



WHO KNEW? Tornadoes are most likely to form between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., according to the National Weather Service. In the South, prime time for tornadoes is between March and May.

REAL ESTATE

Great View, Includes Solitary Confinement

A prime piece of downtown St. Paul real estate featuring sweeping river-front views is about to go on the market. It's more than captivating—it's the county jail. All a good bidder needs is the time and money to gut a reinforced concrete building featuring 134 cement-block cells with toilets every six feet. Prisoners will be moved to a new facility starting in December. (AP)



MIKE ZERBY/STAR TRIBUNE/AP

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

All the Pretty Poppies

Sprint Corp. is remaking phone books distributed in central Florida after learning the colorful cover art could be sending the wrong message. The phone book in south Lake

County features the magenta petals of the opium-bearing poppy, the flower used to make heroin. Sprint spokeswoman Darcy Miller said the picture was chosen from stock art for its color and attractiveness, but won't be used again. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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Lo 71



Thurs.
Hi 88
Lo 73



Fri.
Hi 89
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Hi 89
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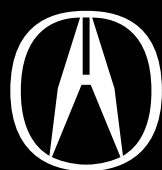


UV Index (for solar noon)
6 out of 10, moderate

Air Quality Index (AQI)
AQI Today: Moderate

Pollen Index (Yesterday)
Reading: 39. Main offender: Ragweed

Today, partly sunny, hot, humid, stray thunderstorm. High 91. Wind west 10-20 mph. Tonight, breezy, stray thunderstorm early. Low 71. Wind north 8-16 mph.



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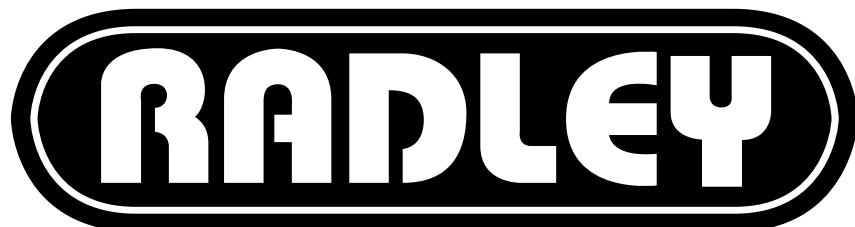
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STORMS | ELECTRIC SKY



POWER ON, POWER OFF: Lightning strikes in downtown Livermore, Calif., on Tuesday. Thunder and lightning rolled through the San Francisco Bay Area overnight knocking out power to several thousand homes and businesses.

TRAVIS LINDQUIST/TRI-VALLEY HERALD/AP

U.S. Faces Years Of Budget Deficits

Analysts warn outlook will grow more dire if spending increases

WASHINGTON | The federal government is in store for at least eight more years of budget deficits, including a record \$480 billion shortfall in 2004, congressional budget analysts said Tuesday.

The Congressional Budget Office warned the numbers will become more dire if the White House gets its way on tax cuts and Congress fails to rein in spending.

They said the budget outlook "has worsened substantially" since its last review in March, when it put next year's deficit at \$200 billion.

Much of that is the result of subsequent acts of Congress to cut taxes and increase spend-

ing for defense and the war in Iraq, it said.

The CBO, a nonpartisan group, said the budget will edge back into the black in 2012 and 2013, but will record an accumulated deficit of almost \$1.4 trillion in the 2004-2013 period. In March, it predicted a surplus of \$891 billion in that period.

Democrats seized on the report as proof that the Bush administration policy of cutting taxes while demanding more for defense and homeland security was threatening the nation's economic viability.

The White House and GOP leaders, however, argued the deficit was manageable, only a small percentage of the national economy, and that they could reduce it by strengthening the economy and holding down spending. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

Academy to Punish Cadets for Drinking Incident

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLO. | The entire cadet corps will get a dressing down because of a weekend underage drinking incident that embarrassed an Air Force Academy still struggling to overcome a sexual assault scandal, the new superintendent said Tuesday.

All 4,000 students at the academy outside Colorado Springs will

be lectured Thursday about the consequences to their military careers and to the institution, Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa said.

Seven 20- and 21-year-old cadets were caught in a hotel room off-campus early Saturday with two young women, 16 and 18 years old. All were ticketed by police.

Rosa said any cadet found to have supplied alcohol to a minor would most likely be expelled from the academy under a the academy's zero-tolerance drinking policy that is part of the "agenda of change" ordered by the Air Force. (AP)

Texas Session Ends Without Decision

Democrats who stalled redistricting measure remain in New Mexico

AUSTIN, TEXAS | The Texas legislature adjourned its second 30-day special legislative session Tuesday without passing a congressional redistricting bill, as 11 Senate Democrats blocked consideration of the measure by maintaining their self-imposed exile in New Mexico.

The Democrats have said the current map should not be changed, and that proposals before the GOP-dominated legislature this year would have hurt minority representation.

Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, have said recent voting trends show Texas should have more

Republicans representing the state in Washington.

Democrats have a 17-15 majority in the Texas delegation now.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry has indicated he would call another special session to make yet another try to get approval for new congressional boundaries. But he has not said when it would start.

Efforts to address redistricting have failed three times this year.

NATALIE GOTT (AP)



Perry

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Nation

Sniper's Behavior Could Yield Clues

W.Va. officials ask residents to watch for suspicious activity

CHARLESTON, W.VA. | The task force investigating three deadly sniper shootings at Charleston-area convenience stores asked the public Tuesday to watch for people who have shown an intense interest in the probe, taken a sudden vacation or altered their appearance.

A list of such behavioral changes was attached to a previously released composite sketch of a heavysset white man with a goatee seen near the last two shootings.

"Hopefully it might stir their memory that they might remember seeing someone that had some

of these traits right after the shooting," said Police Chief Jerry Pauley. "It's just some things to look for that may occur like one or two days after the shootings."

Jeanie Patton, 31, and Okey Meadows Jr., 26, were killed Aug. 14 about 90 minutes apart at convenience stores outside Charleston. Four days earlier, Gary Carrier Jr., 44, was killed while talking on the telephone outside a Charleston convenience store.

The man depicted in the police sketch was spotted by witnesses near the last two shootings, behind the wheel of a dark Ford F150 pickup truck.

Investigators continued to comb through more than 1,000 leads on Tuesday. MICHELLE SAXTON (AP)

NEW BEGINNINGS | FIRST DAY GOSSIP



WELCOME BACK: Erica Tracewell, Kyra Senchyshak, Jillian Wiseman and Kate Clowes, from left, chat on Tuesday as they wait for the doors to open at Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School in Parkersburg, W.Va. The school serves 200 students from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade.

Dallas Police Chief Fired Amid Scandal

Cop's lawyer alleges race played a role in the city's decision

DALLAS | Police Chief Terrell Bolton was fired Tuesday, ending a four-year tenure marked by the nation's worst big-city crime rate and a scandal over fake drugs allegedly planted on suspects.

City Manager Ted Benavides said he fired Bolton, effective immediately, because "after four years I just thought it was time to go in a new direction." He said there was no one cause, but "an accumu-

lation of issues."

Bolton's attorney, Bob Hinton, described the firing as a personality conflict between Bolton and Mayor Laura Miller, adding he didn't think Bolton would have been let go "if the chief had not been African-American." He would not elaborate.

Bolton said he didn't know why he had been let go, adding, "I think I've given Dallas everything that I could give Dallas within the resources that I had."

Miller, who is white, said the firing was Benavides's decision, not hers, but she supported it and



Dallas Police Chief Terrell Bolton, leaving a press conference Tuesday, faced criticism for a high crime rate.

was not happy with Bolton's performance.

Bolton, 45, has been with the department for 23 years and became the city's first black chief when he was promoted in 1999. Assistant Chief Randy Hampton was named interim chief while a search for a permanent replacement is conducted. ANGELA K. BROWN (AP)

Hawaii Transit Strike Snarls Daily Commutes

HONOLULU | The public transportation system for Honolulu and the rest of Oahu came to a halt early Tuesday when the union representing 1,300 bus workers went on strike, stranding tens of thousands of commuters on Hawaii's most populous island.

Representatives of the workers and Oahu Transit Services, Inc. negotiated behind closed doors for more than nine hours Monday but failed to reach an agreement.

Transit workers are seeking higher wages and benefits, demands that the company says it is unable to grant since the bus system faces a budget shortfall of \$6.8 million. (AP)

In Brief

YARMOUTH, MASS. Two Feared Dead in Plane Crash Off Cape Cod

A commuter plane carrying two pilots crashed Tuesday in Hyannis Harbor off Cape Cod. The fate of the pilots was not immediately known. The Colgan Air Beechcraft 1900 went down three miles short of the runway at Hyannis Airport. The plane was originally on its way from Hyannis to Albany, N.Y. (AP)

WASHINGTON U.S. Agency Says It Plans To Arm Airline Pilots Faster

After a slow start in training pilots to carry guns, the government said Tuesday that it has filled its weekly classes and expects to arm all qualified pilots who volunteer within a year. However, an association of pilots says the government is discouraging volunteers by insisting on psychological testing and holding training at a single remote site. Fewer than 200 passenger airline pilots have been allowed to carry a weapon since Congress ordered the program in November. (AP)

LOS ANGELES Calif. AFL-CIO Backs Bustamante in Recall Race

Hedging its political bets, the powerful California AFL-CIO voted Tuesday to endorse Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante for governor in case Gov. Gray Davis is ousted in the Oct. 7 recall election. Bustamante, the only major Democrat on the recall ballot, has campaigned under the slogan "No on recall, yes on Bustamante." The state AFL-CIO, an association of more than 1,300 union locals represents some 2.1 million workers. (AP)



Bustamante

HEARSAY | CRIME

"He felt safe. Too bad he wasn't."

—LESLIE WALKER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MASSACHUSETTS CORRECTIVE LEGAL SERVICES, ON DEFROCKED PRIEST JOHN GEOGHAN'S STATE OF MIND BEFORE HE WAS KILLED WHILE IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY SATURDAY.

Some 9/11 Families Dread Release of Phone Transcripts

NEWARK, N.J. | Leila Negron, whose husband was killed at the World Trade Center, dreads hearing the details of phone calls made from the twin towers that day.

"For me and my children, it's like being slapped in the face with it happening again," said Negron, 36, whose husband, Peter, worked as an environmental specialist.

The impending release of the transcripts of the calls is evoking a range of responses from victims' families less than three weeks before the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack that killed 2,792 people.

A state judge ruled Friday that the transcripts must be released by the close of business Thursday, rejecting a bid by the Port Authority,

which owned the trade center, to back out of an agreement it made with The New York Times in July.

Dorothy McLaughlin, whose 36-year-old son George died in the attack, acknowledged the transcripts could be disturbing, "but by the other token, I know that a lot of families would like to hear." (AP)

BROOKVILLE, N.Y. School Bus Crash Injures 14

A school bus collided with a car and rolled over Tuesday, injuring 14 people — three seriously. Most of the injured were children. Ten ambulances and two helicopters were dispatched to the scene, about 20 miles east of New York City, the Nassau County fire department said. It was believed that 11 of the injured were children aboard the bus. (AP)



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World

U.S. Rounds Up Bandits in Iraq

24 suspects captured in huge operation; key figure eludes troops

KHALIS, IRAQ | U.S. forces launched Operation Ivy Needle Tuesday in a series of raids with hundreds, perhaps thousands, of soldiers searching out bandits, gangsters and Saddam Hussein loyalists. At least 24 suspects were captured.

Operation Ivy Needle swept up the 24 suspected criminals and Saddam loyalists near Baqouba, 42 miles north of Baghdad. Hundreds of troops, backed by helicopters, tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles chased a convicted murderer and gangster named Lateef Hamed al Kubaishat — known as Lateef by U.S. forces, said U.S. Col. David

Hogg. Lateef was imprisoned and serving multiple life sentences for murder until Saddam granted amnesty to all prisoners last year.

Lateef escaped capture, but the military said it caught seven men it was specifically looking for and seized arms. A later raid on the home of a gunrunner netted three men after troops surrounded the house. The three suspects tried to flee, with one firing a heavy machine gun. He was wounded in the leg. No U.S. soldiers were reported killed or injured.

The death toll of American troops killed in postwar Iraq surpassed the number killed in major combat, reaching 140 with the death of a soldier in a roadside bombing and a second in a separate traffic accident.



U.S. soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division search an Iraqi family's home Tuesday during a raid on scores of houses in Khalis, a town 42 miles north of Baghdad.

When President George W. Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1, the death toll of Americans stood at 138. Counting the deaths

that have occurred since, a total of 278 soldiers have been killed since the Iraq war began on March 20. **ANDREW ENGLAND (AP)**

IAEA Finds Uranium at Iran Plant

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | U.N. inspectors found traces of highly enriched, weapons-grade uranium at an Iranian nuclear facility, a report by the U.N. nuclear agency says. Iran said Tuesday the traces came with equipment purchased abroad decades ago.

Agency inspectors found "particles" of highly enriched uranium that could be used in a weapons program at the facility at Natanz, said the report prepared for a meeting of the U.N. agency's board Sept. 8 in Vienna. Contents of the report were made known to The Associated Press by diplomats who requested anonymity.

The United States has accused Iran of developing a clandestine nuclear weapons program, violating the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty barring the spread of atomic weapons.

Iran has denied the allegations, insisting its programs are devoted only to generating electricity.

GEORGE JAHN (AP)

Rebel, Army Troops Clash in Liberia

Liberian capital calmed despite fighting in interior

MONROVIA, LIBERIA | Liberia's army claimed rebels had overrun two towns in a new push apparently aimed at clearing government forces from the north, and aid workers and civilians reported panicked streams of refugees in flight Tuesday from the alleged advance.

The reported offensive, which comes despite a week-old peace deal meant to end 14 years of conflict in the country, would put the rebels within 65 miles of the capi-



A street preacher dances and prays for peace in Monrovia Tuesday.

tal from the north.

Rather than reopening any siege on Monrovia, it appeared insurgents might be trying to rout government

forces from the north, securing territory ahead of an African peace force's deployment to the interior.

While Monrovia has calmed since West African-led forces deployed in the capital nearly four weeks ago, skirmishes have persisted in the country's center, north and southeast. Liberia's interior remains largely a no-go zone for West African peacekeepers and aid groups alike.

Humanitarian workers returning to Monrovia from an early venture into the unsecured north reported large movements of people from the direction of the two towns.

JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLEH (AP)

'No Evidence' Saudis Fighting in Iraq

WASHINGTON | The Saudi government challenged the Bush administration Tuesday to prove its claims that Saudi citizens have traveled to Iraq to fight American troops and said U.S. forces have failed to secure their side of the border.

"We have no evidence of Saudis crossing into Iraq and we have received no evidence from the U.S. government," Saudi foreign

policy adviser Adel al-Jubeir said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Al-Jubeir was reacting to comments by Bush administration officials over the last few days suggesting some foreign fighters have crossed from Saudi Arabia to help fight the American occupation in Iraq through sabotage and attacks on soldiers. **(AP)**

HEARSAY | WAR

"It was [a] ... reliable line of reporting, and it was quoting a senior Iraqi military officer."

— **JOHN SCARLETT**, CHAIR OF BRITAIN'S JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, ON TUESDAY DEFENDED BRITAIN'S ASSERTION THAT BAGHDAD COULD LAUNCH A CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL STRIKE WITHIN 45 MINUTES.

In Brief

AFGHANISTAN

U.S., Afghan Forces Clash With Taliban in Southeast

U.S. and Afghan forces clashed with suspected Taliban fighters in the mountains of southeastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, a day after American jets bombarded a camp and killed at least 14 rebels, officials said. It was not immediately possible to confirm whether any Taliban were killed in the fighting in Zabul province, said Khalil Hotak, chief of the provincial intelligence service. **(AP)**

AFRICA

Ivory Coast Rebels Kill Two French Soldiers

Rebels shot and killed two French soldiers in a remote fishing village in Ivory Coast, marking France's first combat deaths as it tries to restore peace in its former colony after a 9-month civil war, French military officers said Tuesday. The killings came with tensions rising sharply here over alleged plots to overthrow the West African nation's tremendously shaky post-war power-sharing government. **(AP)**

JAPAN

10,000 Officers to Be Added to Police Force

Japan plans to add 10,000 officers to its police force over the next three years as part of an emergency program to fight a rise in crime blamed on the nation's economic woes. The number of crimes committed in Japan has risen for the last seven years, a trend widely attributed to the country's longest economic slump in decades. Violent crime remains rare by the standards of other developed nations. **(AP)**

GREAT BRITAIN

Did Roman Warriors Wear Socks?

Archaeologists excavating a Roman site in London unearthed a bronze foot from a statue that appears to be wearing a sock, according to a release Tuesday. The Romans, who occupied much of Britain for several centuries, have traditionally been seen as tough and hardy settlers who wore open toe sandals even in the coldest winter weather. The recent find could turn that idea on its head. **(AP)**

GERMANY | STRANGE DAYS



EARLY EXIT: A man rests in a park in western Germany Tuesday, surrounded by red and brown leaves. As a result of the summer's long-lasting heat wave, many trees have already started losing their autumn-colored foliage.

MARTIN MEISSNER/AP

Pro-Pakistan Group Blamed in Bombs

Indian officials stop short of accusing rival of sending bombers

BOMBAY, INDIA | India's government blamed Muslim militants Tuesday for explosions that shook Bombay a day earlier and accused rival Pakistan of trying to destabilize the country. The attacks Monday killed 50 people and wounded 154, Muslims and Hindus alike.

Indian officials stopped short of saying Pakistan had dispatched the bombers, but the comments appeared sure to undermine a



Deputy PM Lal Krishna Advani, in blue jacket, examines bomb site Tuesday.

RAJESH NIGUDE/AP

fragile peace process between the two nuclear-armed neighbors.

At least five other explosions in

Bombay in the last six months have been blamed on the pro-Pakistan Lashkar-e-Tayyaba group and its ally, the Students' Islamic Movement of India.

"The people responsible before appear to be the people responsible now," Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani said. He said Lashkar-e-Tayyaba's involvement "raises doubts about our neighbor," a reference to Pakistan, and claimed Pakistan was trying to destabilize the entire country.

Pakistan, which banned Lashkar-e-Tayyaba last year, rejected the claim. VIJAY JOSHI (AP)

U.S. Team Visits Russian Nuclear Site

MOSCOW | A U.S. congressional delegation given unprecedented access Tuesday to a top secret production and storage site for Russian weapons-grade plutonium said officials at the plant were highly concerned that the dangerous material could fall into the hands of terrorists.

U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon (R-Pa.) and two other lawmakers were the first Americans to set eyes on

sections of the underground facility in the closed Siberian city of Zheleznogorsk, the highly secretive cradle of the Soviet Union's nuclear might.

The visit is part of a congressional initiative to improve transparency at Russia's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons facilities and to raise awareness of the threat posed by weapons-grade plutonium. (AP)

Hamas Militants Targeted Again

No let-up in Israel's campaign against Palestinian group

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Israel accelerated its deadly campaign against militants Tuesday, killing a water-pipe vendor in a botched missile strike against Hamas gunmen in the Gaza Strip that also wounded 26 bystanders. Three Hamas members managed to flee their car in a crowded Gaza City street before the missiles hit, witnesses said.

Israel has killed seven militants in two missile raids in Gaza and stepped up military operations in the West Bank since 21 people died in a Hamas suicide bombing on a Jerusalem bus last week. Hours before the Gaza Strike, Israeli soldiers dressed as Arabs snatched two wounded militants, one involved in a suicide bombing, from their beds in a West Bank hospital.

The violence has frozen progress on the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan and exposed the reluc-



Palestinians jump on a car that was destroyed by an Israeli rocket in a refugee camp near Gaza City Tuesday.

stance of Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to confront the armed groups.

Israel says it has to hunt down militants because Palestinian leaders have not dismantled the armed groups — a key requirement of the peace plan. IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

NATO Troops Step Up Search for U.N. Fugitive

PALE, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA | NATO troops in Bosnia on Tuesday gathered outside the home of Radovan Karadzic's daughter, who is suspected of helping the top U.N. war crimes fugitive elude justice.

There were no signs the operation was an attempt to arrest Karadzic himself, who reportedly has been hiding in remote eastern Bosnia. U.S., French and Italian peacekeepers began gathering at about 10 a.m. around the home of Sonja Karadzic in Pale, Karadzic's wartime headquarters 10 miles northeast of Sarajevo. Others patrolled the town. They were not seen entering any buildings.

NATO-led peacekeepers have conducted numerous raids and other operations in recent months aimed at tightening the noose around Karadzic.

Karadzic was indicted in 1995 for genocide and crimes against humanity committed against Bosnia's non-Serb population. Both have been in hiding. The most infamous atrocity in the U.N. indictment against Karadzic is the July 1995 massacre at Srebrenica, a U.N. "safe haven" for Muslim refugees. RADUL RADOVANOVIC (AP)



Karadzic

HEARSAY | CONFUSED

"At present, we don't know his whereabouts."

—BRIG. GEN. BASIR AHMAD BARMAWI
BARMAWI, A SPOKESMAN FOR INDONESIA'S NATIONAL POLICE, SAID TUESDAY THAT OFFICIALS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE A SUSPECTED SENIOR MEMBER OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN MILITANT NETWORK JEMAAH ISLAMIYAH. MALAYSIA SAYS IT DEPORTED MOHAMAD IQBAL ABDUL RAHMAN MONDAY.



WHO KNEW? In one of the most ambitious rail projects ever undertaken, China is building a 708-mile railway that will connect the remote Tibetan capital with the Chinese interior. The air is so thin in some areas — most of the track will run at altitudes of over 13,200 feet — that workers will have to wear oxygen masks and train cars will have to be pressurized. (AP)

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Storm Packs a Whallop

Furious downpour shuts down Beltway; thousands lose power

WASHINGTON | A Severe thunderstorm created rush hour havoc Tuesday, bringing down trees and power lines and closing the Capital Beltway in both directions. Thousands were left without power and commuter trains were delayed.

The Maryland State Highway Administration said power lines were down on both the inner

and outer loops of the Beltway in Greenbelt. State police said the lines electrified guardrails and other parts of the highway infrastructure.

In the District and Maryland, the storm cut power to about 79,000 Pepco customers, most of them in Montgomery County. Dominion Virginia Power said at least 50,000 customers were left in the dark, mostly in Alexandria and Herndon.

A Montgomery fire and rescue spokesman said at least 12 buildings were struck by lightning.

Trees fell across the tracks on MARC's Brunswick line in the Gaithersburg-Germantown area, causing delays of up to an hour for trains on that line.

Service wasn't delayed on Metro, but eight stations lost power and operated on backup resources, spokeswoman Cheryl Johnson said, limiting light and leaving fare gates, escalators and most elevators inoperable.

The Beltway reopened around 6 p.m., Prince George's County Fire and Rescue officials said, and no one was injured. (AP)

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John Allen Muhammad shakes hands with defense attorney Peter Greenspun during Tuesday's hearing. The defense was granted access to witnesses' name..

Muhammad's Lawyers Win Witness Name Battle

MANASSAS, VA. | Prosecutors will likely be required to provide defense lawyers the names of witnesses who identified sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad out of a photo lineup, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The witnesses cannot directly link Muhammad to the Oct. 9 shooting of Dean Harold Meyers outside a Manassas-area gas station, but are expected to testify about Muhammad's general whereabouts during the three-week sniper spree in October.

Before Tuesday's hearing, prosecutors had only turned over information about two witnesses who

could not identify Muhammad out of a photo lineup.

Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. ordered prosecutors to provide defense lawyers with details about the procedures used in the photo lineup. If defense lawyers still have questions about the procedures, prosecutors must give the defense lawyers the witnesses' names.

Also Tuesday, Millette ruled prosecutors must provide exculpatory information contained in 23 pages of police interviews of people who knew Muhammad when he lived in Washington state.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

D.C., Counties Announce School Emergency Pact

WASHINGTON | The District and schools in seven area counties have agreed to coordinate their responses to regional emergencies, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments said Tuesday.

The agreement covers nearly 884,000 public school students in the district, as well as Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties in Virginia and Maryland's Montgomery, Prince George's and Frederick counties. It also includes students from about 150 Catholic schools in Virginia's Arlington Diocese and the Archdiocese of Washington.

Details aren't final, but the plan could coordinate dismissals and procedures during a crisis, said Calvin Smith, COG's director of human services. (AP)

Va. Adds EZ Pass To Speed Travel

RICHMOND, VA. | Virginia is joining the EZ Pass automatic highway tolling system used in nine East Coast states, allowing users of Virginia's dominant Smart Tag system to breeze right through toll booths all the way up to Maine.

The plan is expected to go into effect by fall '04 and cost up to \$4.5 million, said Gov. Mark R. Warner (D), announcing the deal Tuesday on WTOP radio. (AP)

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Money

Amazon Sues E-Mail Marketers Over Name Use

SEATTLE | Amazon.com Inc. has filed federal lawsuits against 11 e-mail marketers, contending they faked their e-mail addresses to appear as if the messages were sent by Amazon.com, the company said Tuesday.

The suits, filed Monday and Tuesday in several U.S. district courts and in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Canada, seek injunctions to stop the alleged e-mail forgeries as well as millions of dollars in punitive damages.

The lawsuits are part of an effort by Amazon.com to stop e-mail "spoofing" of its name, the company said. Amazon.com, Internet auction site eBay Inc. and others have long been targets of e-mail forgery. (AP)

Vivendi Cuts Field to NBC, Bronfman Group

French conglomerate still exploring public offering of Universal

PARIS | Vivendi Universal on Tuesday narrowed the field of bidders for its entertainment assets to two — General Electric Co.'s NBC and an investor group led by former Seagram Co. chief executive Edgar Bronfman Jr.

In either case, a deal would leave the French media and utilities conglomerate a "substantial minority interest" in a U.S. media company, the company said in a statement.

The assets for sale include Vivendi's cable channels, USA, Sci-Fi and Trio; the Universal movie and TV studios; and sev-

eral theme parks.

In its statement, Vivendi also said it was still exploring a public offering for Vivendi Universal Entertainment.

Vivendi has been hoping to sell the Hollywood assets for at least \$14 billion to pay down debt.

NBC wants to merge Vivendi's entertainment assets with its own holdings, including the CNBC and MSNBC cable channels and Telemundo, a Spanish-language broadcaster.

Bronfman is leading a group of investors that include Thomas H. Lee Partners, a private equity fund, and Cablevision Systems Corp., a New York-based cable TV company that owns three cable channels including AMC. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

In Brief

ECONOMY

Consumer Confidence Rebounds in August

The New-York-based Conference Board, a private research group, said Tuesday its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 81.3 in August, up 4.3 points from a revised 77.0 in July. Also, the Commerce Department reported that manufacturers saw

demand for "durable" goods — costly products expected to last at least three years — rise by a solid 1 percent in July. Separately, July sales of new homes fell 2.9 percent, the department said, but it remained the second-best month on record. (AP)

JUSTICE

Northrop Grumman to Pay Government \$60 Million

The Pentagon announced Tuesday that Northrop Grumman has agreed to pay \$60 million to settle a case in

which a subsidiary allegedly overcharged the government for costs associated with a contract to build double-hulled tankers. (AP)

TRANSPORTATION

United to Resume Trans-Pacific Flights

United Airlines said Tuesday it will restore all trans-Pacific flights next month, including those from Hong Kong, as the airline attempts to recover from the sharp downturn in air travel caused by SARS. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Dycom	22.15	+3.54	+19.0
GpoTMM A	3.30	+50	+17.9
Americdt	10.00	+1.35	+15.6
StillwtrM	6.39	+63	+10.9
MailWell	3.33	+29	+9.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CatalMkt	12.58	-2.57	-17.0
ChiYuc	15.45	-2.05	-11.7
CorusGr	4.64	-.30	-6.1
Culp Inc	7.00	-.42	-5.7
HawkCp	4.10	-.25	-5.7

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.98	0.95
2-year	1.89	1.74
10-year	4.48	4.37
30-year	5.27	5.24

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Comtech s	22.95	+5.15	+28.9
ViryaNet	2.00	+.33	+19.8
Ivanhoe	2.02	+.32	+18.8
NVE Cp n	26.50	+4.20	+18.8
OpenTV	3.69	+.55	+17.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Polydex	3.20	-.73	-18.6
MFRI	2.08	-.37	-15.1
MyriadGn	12.36	-2.01	-14.0
3D Sys	7.50	-1.22	-14.0
KMG Ch	3.00	-.40	-11.8

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6359	.6362	.6569
Canadian Dollar	1.3922	1.4005	1.5554
European Euro	.9185	.9196	1.0283
Japanese Yen	117.26	117.32	119.63
Mexican Peso	10.9420	10.8730	9.8360
Taiwanese Dollar	34.19	34.17	34.24

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+22.81	+6.34	+3.02
+0.24	+0.36	+0.30
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AOL TW	15.83	+.09	+20.8
ClearChan	42.76	+.09	+14.7
Comcast	29.13	+.23	+23.6
Come sp	27.70	+.24	+22.6
CoxCom	32.46	+.21	+14.3
Disney	20.85	-.40	+27.8
Fox Ent	30.75	+.45	+18.6
Gannett	78.12	+.19	+8.8
GM H	14.26	+.01	+33.3
LibtyMA	11.65	+.29	+30.3
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Sports

Another Tackle Added

Redskins trade for Dalton, who then overheats in practice

PRO FOOTBALL | Defensive tackle Lionel Dalton was traded from the Denver Broncos to the Washington Redskins on Tuesday, then had to be carted off the field with heat-related symptoms on a sauna-like day during his first practice with his new team.

Dalton was not hospitalized, and the team hopes he can play in Thursday night's exhibition game at Jacksonville.

He had not practiced in two weeks because the Broncos wanted to keep him healthy while they shopped him for a trade.

"I don't guess he was ready for this heat," Redskins coach Steve Spurrier said.

Dalton was acquired for a fifth-round draft pick, although it will drop to a seventh-round selection if he plays less than 40 percent of the defensive snaps. **JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**

Ready for some football: Previews of high school and college teams.
Today's Post | Pullout Sections.

Drummond Pulls Out of the Worlds

TRACK | American sprinter Jon Drummond pulled out of the World Track Championships on Tuesday rather than being kicked out.

Drummond, who refused to leave the track after being disqualified from Sunday's 100-meter quarterfinals for a false start, announced his decision as world track officials threatened to expel him from the championships for "bringing the sport into disrepute."

The International Association of Athletics Federations had given USA Track & Field a deadline of Tuesday night to take disciplinary action against Drummond.

An hour before the deadline expired, the USATF said there were

Terps Have High Hopes for Season

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | When Ralph Friedgen launched his first season as the Terrapins' head coach two years ago, Maryland had not been to a bowl game in 10 years and had five consecutive losing seasons.

Now, after appearing in two straight bowl games, the Terrapins enter the 2003 season with lofty expectations.

Ranked 15th in the preseason AP poll, Maryland returns 17 starters from a squad that capped an 11-3 season with a 30-3 rout of Tennessee in the Peach Bowl.

Among those coming back is senior Scott McBrien, the first returning starting quarterback during Friedgen's brief tenure.



McBrien hands off in a scrimmage.

The return of McBrien means Maryland can survive without running back Bruce Perry, who severely sprained an ankle during preseason drills and will miss the Terrapins' first few games, begin-

ning with Thursday's opener at Northern Illinois.

The defense will miss two-time Atlantic Coast Conference defensive player of the year E.J. Henderson, but Leon Joe and D'Qwell Jackson should do well in his place at linebacker. The secondary gets all four starters back.

Although this appears to be the best Maryland team since Friedgen's arrival, the rest of the ACC has improved. The toughest games appear to be Florida State (Sept. 6) and North Carolina State (Nov. 22). **DAVID GINSBURG (AP)**

A new season: Chat with Terps' announcer Johnny Holiday today at noon on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

REPRESENTING THE U.S.

Head coach April Heinrichs on Tuesday chose the roster for this year's American women's World Cup team. Among the selections are:

- Mia Hamm, the leading scoring in women's international soccer with 140 goals.
- Brandi Chastain, who scored the winning penalty kick in the last World Cup.
- Briana Scurry, the goalkeeper who made the critical save in the penalty kick portion of the 1999 championship.
- Abby Wambach, the Washington Freedom player who scored both goals in the Founders Cup and was named the most valuable player.

U.S. OPEN | ANOTHER FAREWELL



NEW YORK FINALE: American Michael Chang waves to the fans of the U.S. Open in New York after losing a first-round match Tuesday. He had previously said the tournament would be the final one of his career. Chang joins Pete Sampras in retirement after Sampras called it quits on Monday.



Jon Drummond lay down on the track Sunday to protest a false start ruling.

no procedures under its bylaws to carry out an investigation in such a short period.

Drummond, who had hoped to run in the 400-meter relay this weekend, issued a statement confirming he was pulling out of the meet and the rest of the 2003 season. **STEPHEN WILSON (AP)**

Today's TV Lineup

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Half a game separates the Chicago Cubs from the National League Central-leading Houston Astros and St. Louis Cardinals, who host the Cubs Wednesday.

BASEBALL (10 p.m. on Comcast) The Oakland A's try to pull ahead of the Seattle Mariners in the American League West when hosting the

Baltimore Orioles, who are sending Pat Hentgen to the mound.

TENNIS (11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on USA) First and second round action of the U.S. Open.

TRACK (2:30 p.m. on ESPN2) The struggling Americans try to fare better during day five of the World Track Championships in France.

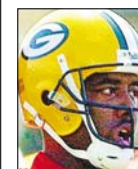
In Brief

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Penn State Player Acquitted Of Sexual Assault Charges

Penn State football player Anwar Phillips was acquitted Tuesday of sexual assault charges involving another student. Phillips was accused of having had sex with a female student against her will. In December, he was expelled from the university for two semesters. In March, he was charged with sexual assault and aggravated indecent assault, both felonies. **(AP)**

PRO FOOTBALL Packers Cut Akili Smith

Akili Smith, the third overall pick in the 1999 NFL draft, was cut by the Green Bay Packers Tuesday. Smith,



Smith

one of five quarterbacks chosen in the first round four years ago, never established himself with Cincinnati, which took him after two other QBs — Tim Couch and Donovan McNabb. He was released earlier this year and signed with the Packers in hopes of re-starting a career. **(AP)**

BASEBALL Pirates Ship Giles to Padres

Brian Giles was traded by the Pirates to the San Diego Padres on Tuesday in a long-rumored deal that sends left-hander Oliver Perez, outfielder Jason Bay and a player to be named to Pittsburgh. Perez, a 22-year-old starter who is 4-7 with a 5.38 ERA with San Diego, and Bay, currently with Triple-A Portland, are expected to join the Pirates in time for Wednesday night's game against Florida. **(AP)**

PRO FOOTBALL Raiders Awarded \$44.2 Million to Compensate Sales

The Oakland Raiders were awarded \$44.2 million by a jury that found Oakland coliseum officials acted negligently when negotiating to bring the team back from Los Angeles.

Tuesday's verdict in the team's lawsuit was far less than the \$570 million to \$833 million it sought to compensate for low ticket sales and the declining value of the franchise by 2010 when the contract expires. **(AP)**

Rock 'n' Roll Jester

Lester Bangs's 'gonzo criticism' lives on in new anthology

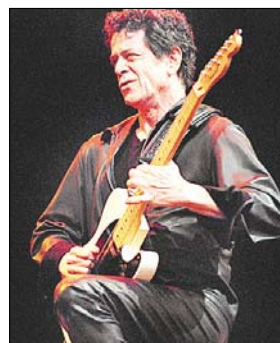
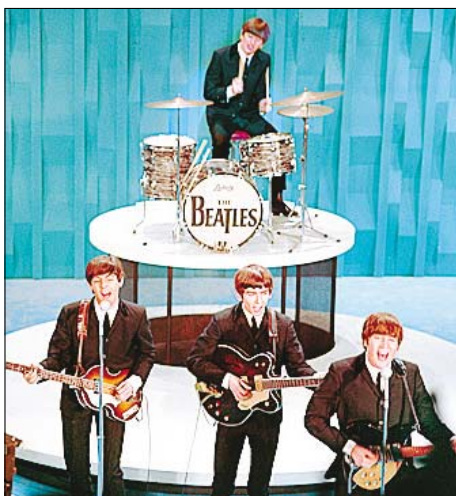
BOOKS | It's almost perverse to say, but the past few years have been good to Lester Bangs.

True, he died in 1982. But between the portrayal of Bangs as a cynical sage in the 2000 film "Almost Famous" and Jim DeRogatis's biography, "Let It Blurt," the man hailed as America's greatest rock critic is experiencing a cultural resurgence.

Now Bangs's work can speak for itself, thanks to "Mainlines, Blood Feasts and Bad Taste: A Lester Bangs Reader."

The anthology celebrates Bangs as the foremost practitioner of a form of gonzo criticism that has mostly died out. Anyone these days who asked the sorts of impudent interview questions Bangs asked would have trouble getting publicists to return his calls.

Editor John Morthland's choices show Bangs in all his scruffy glory, gleefully tearing into the Beatles for pomposity, championing acts like Anne Murray and exploring his antagonistic relationship with Lou Reed, whom Bangs idolized



BANGS ON TARGET: Rock dinosaurs the Rolling Stones (top), pompous artistes the Beatles (left) and worthy adversary Lou Reed (right).

BEATLES: AP; ROLLING STONES: MONIKA ZUAGG/AP; LOU REED: KEVIN WESTERBERG/AP

and frequently needed.

"He has succeeded in taking a hissing Muzak whiz," Bangs wrote in his review of Reed's "Metal Machine Music." "Perhaps I should also mention that I like this record."

Bangs was a passionate and knowledgeable music fan; he scorned hollow style and the artifice of empty coolness. His craving for musical honesty colors "The Blood Feast of Reddy Kilowatt!," which poked fun at Emerson, Lake & Palmer for the prog-rock trio's sonic excess.

"If there's an energy crisis, these guys amount to war criminals," Bangs wrote after describing equipment that took roadies five hours to set up and another five to break down.

His pieces make no attempt at objectivity. There's no critical detachment; he openly telegraphed his joy or disappointment with an album or musician based on his own taste and standards of artistic integrity.

It's a potentially divisive way to write, but it's incredibly honest. Even at his most infuriating, and Bangs by all accounts could be infuriating, his writing illuminates an aesthetic soul and a bleeding heart.

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Top Stops

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Evening of Faun: 'Last Dance' Run Begins

1 Norman Allen's one-man play, "Nijinsky's Last Dance," has been astonishing audiences since it won the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Play in 1999, and not just because of its full-frontal nudity. Do we have your attention? Jeremy Davidson plays the famous, infamous dancer in this joint presentation of the Signature Theatre and the Kennedy Center. Mature audiences only, please.

Kennedy Center; 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$35; 202-467-4600.

Famous Amos: Tori in Town

2 Don't expect a lot of pianos on Tori Amos's Lottapianos tour. Expect instead ravishing melodies, elliptical, evocative lyrics and unusual piano-pop that thinks so hard it sometimes falls down a well. Which is OK — Amos is a fearless songwriter and a riveting performer. And a babe.

Merriweather Post Pavilion; 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia; 7 p.m., \$43-\$53; 410-481-7328.



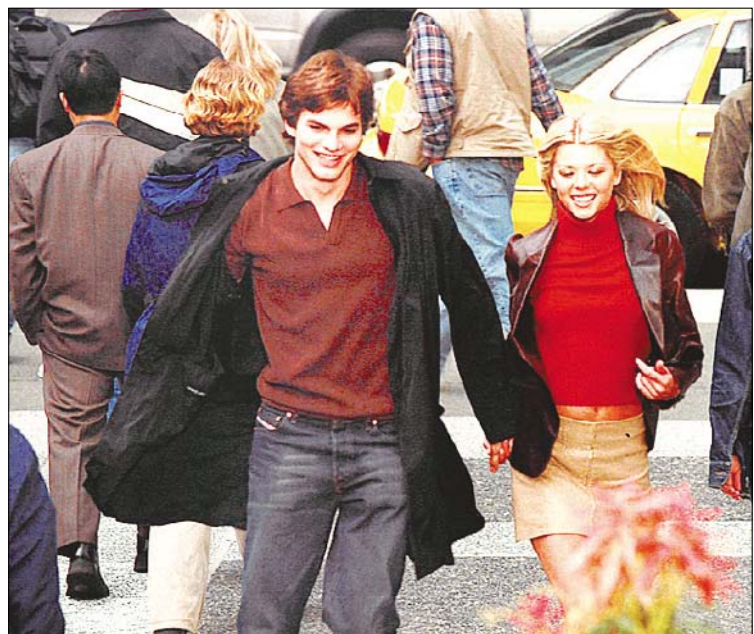
Amos's "Scarlet's Walk" takes a feminine tour of the American psyche.

Hidden Hitmaker: Contemporary Jazz

3 He's toured with the Yellowjackets, played with Tower of Power and released single after chart-topping single. Richard Elliot's a jazz saxophonist who considers himself an R&B artist; he's bringing his funky-white-guy self to the Birchmere.

3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$29.50; 800-551-7328.

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Ashton Kutcher picks on someone his own age — Tara Reid as the forbidden fruit.

The Eternal Triangle

FILM | Ashton Kutcher's newly high exposure makes it odd that Dimension Films did not preview "My Boss's Daughter" for critics.

The truth is, it's not awful; it's a genial youth comedy that serves Kutcher well as a vehicle.

As Tom Stansfield, a lowly researcher at a publishing company, Kutcher becomes smitten with the daughter of the firm's head, Jack Taylor, played with cold, steely calm by Terence Stamp.

Jack's daughter, Lisa (Tara Reid), also works for the company and she, like Tom, finds her artistic impulses stifled.

A series of misunderstandings

leads to Tom housesitting for the Taylors. His main charge is caring for Jack's prize owl, O.J.

"Like the murderer?" asks Tom. "No, like the football player," replies Jack. (This is the first of many jokes on a gag that expired in 1995.)

Inevitably, O.J. gets loose; Tom must attempt to pull everything back together before Jack returns, which, obviously, will happen earlier than it was supposed to.

It's too early to tell whether Kutcher is the Rob Lowe or the Andrew McCarthy of his generation. He hasn't proved he can act, but he's yet to show he can't.

KEVIN CRUST (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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Entertainment

TopStops

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Jazz on Wry: Steely Dan at Nissan

4 Donald Fagen and Walter Becker were postmodern before postmodernism had a name. The dark-humored jazzoid pop of Steely Dan has been breaking through to the mainstream intermittently for decades, which says something good about America. Now, as Becker said on NPR, "We're on the irony float."

Nissan Pavilion; 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow; 7:30 p.m., \$48.50-\$77.50; 703-573-SEAT.



Irony floats: Steely Dan's Becker (left) and Fagen (right) rock steady.

Gypsies, Tramps, Thieves: Opera Secrets Revealed

5 If, like us, you wonder why Rosalinde is disguised as a temperamental Hungarian countess, the Washington Opera lecture series has the answer with an in-depth look at "Die Fledermaus."

Millennium Stage; 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600.

Gershon Takes It Off

RESEARCH | Actress Gina Gershon opted to learn the art of stripping in popular New York adult establishment Scores — the venue in which Demi Moore trained for "Striptease."

The sexy brunette, who portrays a singer who frequents raunchy clubs in her upcoming film, "Prey for Rock & Roll," spent many nights in the strip club to further her education of exotic dance.

In the movie, Gershon fronts girl group Clamdandy and performs a series of naked dances for the cameras.

The screen star is no stranger to stripping on the set — her steamy lesbian scene with Jennifer Tilly in "Bound" and her topless-parading abilities in "Showgirls" have cemented her standing as one of cinema's most uninhibited actresses. (WENN)



Gershon

ON TV TONIGHT

HOMEcoming COURT

CELEBRITY YEARBOOK (9 p.m., E!) See what pampered people were like in high school with this glance at the hijinks of a younger Bruce Willis, Tyra Banks, Charlie Sheen, Heather Locklear, Drew Barrymore, David Duchovny, Angelina Jolie and others. In addition to scads of embarrassing class photos, "Yearbook" also features interviews with former teachers and classmates.

CATCH THE BUG

THE LOVE BUG (8 p.m., Hallmark) Relive Beetle-mania! The 1969 comedy stars Dean Jones and Michele Lee. Don Knotts joins Jones in the sequel "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo" (10:30 p.m., Hallmark).

THAR SHE BLOWS

BETTE DAVIS: THE BENEVOLENT VOLCANO (7 p.m., TMC) A 1984 documentary reviews the star's life and career. Part of an all-day film salute to Davis. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

HEADS UP: "Captive Passage: The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the Americas" is five days away from closing. Anacostia Museum; 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-287-2061.

HEARSAY | LOST IN TRANSLATION



FRANZ CHAVOROCHE/AFP

"They jiggle their bottoms ... and with their little castrato voices moan about what those ghastly heteros put them through."

— ACTRESS AND ANIMAL-RIGHTS ADVOCATE BRIGITTE BARDOT DISCUSSING HOMOSEXUALS IN HER NEW BOOK.

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Lookout



MUSICAL APPRECIATION: Hannibal Lecter, top, performed gruesome acts to Bach's 25th "Goldberg Variations." Man of many styles Mr. Ripley enjoyed "The Italian Concerto" when by himself.

Bach and the Bad Boys

Filmmakers favor classical music for homicidal atmosphere

FILM STUDIES | When the strains of classical music break into a movie, the music often plays the same role that a glass of chardonnay might on a first date: as a suggestion, however mild, of civilization, of "classiness." A sighing string instrument can connote genteel romantic love, like gauze covering the camera.

In Merchant Ivory films, classical music represents a kind of well-upholstered high culture, piping through the soundtrack as Bentleys roll past deep green lawns to country homes.

But Kristi Brown, a musicologist at the Colburn School of the Performing Arts in Los Angeles, says the music of J.S. Bach often works differently. These days, when you hear Bach in a film, he tends to accompany serial killers, Nazis and mad scientists.

One of an emerging group of scholars who study classical music's resonance in pop culture, Brown is looking at how movies borrow Bach's music for scenes of stabbings,



flayings and falling bombs.

What intrigues her is the peek the movies offer into the contemporary American unconscious, into the way mass culture understands, or misunderstands, high culture. The pop associations, she says, are an important part of the music's meaning, even if the composer never intended his music to work this way.

"I became interested in the films that were violent and that had a certain kind of protagonist," says Brown, 39. These protagonists, she

says, tend toward geniuses driven mad by technology and rationalism, or exemplars of a decadent European culture who've had the morality burned out of them — from Benson, the crazed computer scientist in "The Terminal Man" (1974), to the erudite and malevolent Hannibal Lecter of "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991) and "Hannibal" (2001). Both men gruesomely kill, she points out, while playing the same piece, the 25th of Bach's "Goldberg Variations."

Other homicidal Bach lovers include the brilliant, shape-shifting title character in "The Talented Mr. Ripley" (1999), who plays jazz to impress friends but favors "The Italian Concerto" when alone; the Nazis in "Schindler's List" (1993), who pause to play a Bach piano suite on their way to ransack a Jewish ghetto; and the brainy, technologically savvy serial killer in "Kiss the Girls" (1997), who gives a victim menacing advice on how to play Bach on the violin.

By all reports, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was a good Lutheran who spent most of his life in a linden-lined Saxon town, playing organ, siring children and writing church music.

Among his life's biggest conflicts was a disagreement with a provincial church over his embellishing of chorale music.

His scandal-less life surely influenced why so little is popularly known about Bach — and explains why all kinds of connotations can be projected onto his music.

"He's kind of a blank in a lot of ways," Brown says. "Most people can't tell you much about Bach" — even those who, in part through films, think of Mozart as a wacky child prodigy and Beethoven as a tormented genius.

SCOTT TIMBERG (L.A. TIMES)

Beauty Queen's Disability Claims Bring Lawsuit

FRAUD | The federal government sued a former beauty queen Monday, claiming she fraudulently collected more than \$190,000 in Social Security disability benefits, even while she was competing in pageants.

Denise "Dee" Marie Henderson, 43, was crowned Mrs. Minnesota International in 1999 and competed

in the Mrs. U.S. International pageant the same year while receiving the benefits.

In both contests she competed in aerobic, evening gown and other events, prosecutors said.

The lawsuit seeks about \$600,000, representing damages of three times what Henderson collected from Social Security, plus

unspecified civil penalties, interest and costs.

According to the complaint, Henderson falsely claimed she was disabled by a 1995 auto accident that caused headaches and prevented her from sitting for more than 20 minutes, sleeping, reading her daily mail or lifting more than a few pounds. She received Social Security ben-

efits going back to 1996.

Karen Bailey, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, would not say whether Henderson was the subject of a criminal case as well. She said Henderson had 20 days to respond to the civil complaint.

Henderson's attorney, Steven Siltan, said she is innocent, and that she provided "accurate and full

information" to Social Security.

Henderson, who declined to comment, also won the Mrs. Iowa International 2001 pageant, and went on to become a Mrs. International Top 10 finalist. She runs the Miss Teen International pageants in Minnesota and Iowa, according to the complaint.

STEVE KARNOWSKI (AP)

Cars

For the Love of a Bug

In the world of Beetle fans, Herbie rides again ... and again

CLASSIC CARS | When Joe Mikolajczak wants to feel popular, he doesn't fire up a Mustang or Corvette to turn heads. He knows his baby blue 1969 Volkswagen Beetle will do the trick.

"It's neat," he said. "Nobody sees me, but when I get into this car, everyone sees me."

A few years ago, the Beetle's rotted-out engine began to stink up his co-worker's house. Mikolajczak, of Webster, Mass., resurrected it with a few new parts and a dose of old-fashioned scrubbing. "I had it running the next day," he said. "I just loved the car after that."

Beetle owners, young and old, share an unspoken bond in this world, where owners refer to their Beetle by number ("Check out my 62") and wear shirts emblazoned with such slogans as "This Bug's for You." So when the last classic Beetle rolled off the assembly line in Puebla, Mexico, recently, it signaled the end of an era. But it could also mean a resurgence of Beetle collecting and restoring.

The outdated engine of the Mexican-produced Beetles was blamed for contributing to the country's pollution problems and led to its demise in late July. The final batch of 3,000 Beetles will become highly sought collec-



NO PLAYING PUNCH-BUGGY: Beetle taxis speed through Mexico City. Until last month, they were manufactured in Mexico.

tor's items, although it is illegal to bring Beetles into the United States because of safety and pollution regulations.

Volkswagen's German factories stopped making Beetles in 1979. The company's new Beetle was introduced in 1998, though the Mexican plant continued to make the old-style Beetle.

Today, anyone with a few hundred dollars can become a classic Beetle owner. It takes more money than that, however, if the owner wants it in near-perfect condition, says Greg Curello, owner of Rusty

Bugs Repair Shop in Hamden, Conn. Curello began repairing and restoring Beetles professionally in 1988. He has restored his own 1971 Beetle seven times, so he understands the lengths to which people will go to salvage what some would call junk. "People just have compassion for the cars and want to keep [them]," Curello said.

Doctors, stock traders and fashion designers bring their Beetles to

Curello, who says he's the only strictly Beetle fixer in Connecticut. He keeps the dilapidated cars behind his garage, covered with sheets or up on a loft so he'll have more room to work. Many are full of holes. It could take years to make them show-quality, or even drivable. "It doesn't make sense to fix them," Curello said. "People want them out of sentiment rather than for the car itself."

CORI BOLGER (HARTFORD COURANT)



BY THE NUMBERS: For the first six months of 2003, SUVs accounted for almost 25 percent of all new passenger vehicle sales in the country — a new record, according to J.D. Power & Associates. (L.A. TIMES)



CAR CARE

Live Online

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He will chat regularly on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Any good products out there for repairing minor scrapes on the plastic bumper covers?

Try a very fine rubbing or polishing compound. Ask a body or detailing shop for the brand of polish they use. If this doesn't help, the answer is probably paint.

What's your thinking on the great oil change debate? Owner's manuals often say 4,000 to 5,000 miles; oil change places, logically, say 3,000. And mechanics do too.

I base my recommendations on driving style. If the average commute is 15 miles or more, with an average speed of 45 mph or above and there is no sitting in traffic or at long lights, I think 4,000 to 5,000 miles is perfectly acceptable. Short trips are the killers. Three thousand miles or three months are then mandatory.

What is your opinion on the transmission services where the old fluid is pumped out and replaced with new fluid?

I love them. We have seen amazing results on vehicles where the service is performed on a regular basis. The ideal interval is two years or 24,000 miles. Just be careful that the shop uses the appropriate fluid for your vehicle. One size does not fit all.

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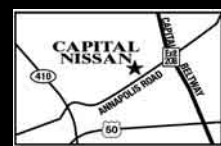
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Cars

Try This At Home

ROAD TEST | Would you spend more than \$31,000 on a new car that doesn't have a standard radio or floor mats? Some 600 people already have, according to Subaru. It's the road rally-inspired, 2004 Impreza WRX STi, which has a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$31,545. And it lacks the radio and floor mats to save weight and keep the car as sprightly as possible, said a Subaru spokesman.

Subaru has a long history in rally racing, which is popular overseas and in video games. While rally racing has yet to catch on here the way NASCAR and open-wheel racing has, Subaru officials saw in the STi an opportunity to launch a new halo car for a brand not exactly known for excitement.

One ride in the STi dispels that old notion. The STi's 300-horsepower, 2.5-liter, turbocharged and intercooled, horizontally opposed

four-cylinder engine, mated to Subaru's first six-speed manual transmission in the States, can put out an amazing 300 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Gearing is on the low side, as I regularly needed to upshift quickly out of first gear to keep my speed climbing. There always seemed to be more power available, though.

I never noticed a difference in engine power when I used the standard water spray for the intercooler. It's something rally drivers use to keep things cooled down, but I figure I never pressed the STi as hard as they would. ANN M. JOB (AP)



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Originally Sinful ...

Now, tourists visit Las Vegas to lounge, shop and sightsee

TOURISM | Brad Stone walks along the shiny marble floors of the Venetian hotel-casino's new \$275 million tower smiling. He brags about the spacious rooms that average \$200 a night and the planned upscale restaurant that will draw refined palates and thick wallets.

The executive vice president of the Las Vegas Sands, which owns the Venetian, hardly mentions table games and slot machines. In fact, visitors to the new hotel tower can commit what was once considered a cardinal sin in Sin City — they can check in without ever passing through the casino.

This is the retooled Las Vegas, one in which casinos that rely purely on gamblers to generate the majority of their profits are dwindling. The new business paradigm focuses on hotel rooms, food, beverage and entertainment.

During the past decade revenues for major casino companies have been moving slowly from gambling to nongambling sources, evidence that Las Vegas is evolving into a bona fide tourist destination — a sort of Disneyworld with vices.

The revenue evolution has been gradual but definitive, Nevada Gaming Control Board data shows. In 1992, 61 percent of the revenues generated from casinos in Nevada came from gambling. Last year, that figure was 51.5 percent.

The trend is even more pronounced on the Las Vegas Strip, where last year casinos reported only 43 percent of almost \$9 billion in revenue came from gamblers. Ten years ago the figure was 56.7 percent.

The MRC Group Research Institute found in a recent survey that only 17 percent of the visitors surveyed said they intended to gamble. The top activities were sightseeing, pool lounging and shopping.

In addition, Las Vegas is the No. 1 convention city in the coun-



SKIPPING THE SLOTS: Guests can check into the new Venezia tower at the Venetian Resort Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas without ever passing through the casino.

try. In 2002, 14.6 percent of the all visitors to Las Vegas were conventioners.

Still, not all the casino giants have embraced the move toward nongambling revenue. Harrah's Entertainment, for one, says it hasn't strayed from its original mission. Spokesman Gary Thompson said 89 percent of his company's revenues last year came from gambling. On any given day during the week, Thompson said, more than half of Harrah's rooms are complimentary, attracting visitors who come to gamble with the lure of a free room.

ADAM GOLDMAN (AP)

FOLLOWING SUITE

The Venetian, with its new 1,013-room, 12-story tower, has helped show competitors that the money is in hotel rooms. Other hotels are on the same track.

→ The Mandalay Bay hotel-casino is building a \$225 million hotel tower with 1,125 rooms that's scheduled to open later this year.

→ The Bellagio hotel-casino, which is owned by MGM Mirage, also is expanding, adding a \$375 million, 925-room tower slated to open next year.

→ Caesars Palace is considering a 1,000-room tower that could cost \$350 million.

In Brief

LUGGAGE

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Baggage you'll want to brag about, from www.wishingfish.com.

FESTIVALS

Think Too Much

A three-day literary and arts celebration hosted by The New Yorker is scheduled for Sept. 19-21 in Manhattan. Authors scheduled to take part in the Friday night readings include E.L. Doctorow, Grace Paley, Sherman Alexie, A.S. Byatt, Dave Eggers, Zadie Smith

and Richard Ford. Other events include a discussion of plans for ground zero with critic Paul Goldberger and architect Daniel Libeskind, and an eating tour of Chinatown with Calvin Trillin. Tickets go on sale Thursday, Aug. 28 through Ticketmaster. For more information, visit festival.newyorker.com. (AP)

▶ **Online: Hang on tight.** Read about trapeze school in today's Washington Post Style section. Then watch the video at washingtonpost.com/trapezeschool.

TRAVEL TALK

Live Online

The Washington Post travel staff, aka **THE FLIGHT CREW**, takes queries and comments at washingtonpost.com/liveonline every Monday at 2 p.m.

Where can I find cheap tickets to Chicago for Labor Day weekend?

Your best bet for price is probably avoiding O'Hare and shopping Midway Airport. Southwest often has great fares out of Baltimore, and then rivals compete to match.

We are flying to Frankfurt on United on Thursday. Should checked baggage be locked or unlocked these days? If unlocked, are we going to have an opportunity to lock it after screening?

Unlocked. The Transportation Security Administration will just break the lock off. In some locations, particularly at Reagan, the machines for checked luggage are at the gate, so you have can lock the bag once TSA is done with it. But you can't count on it, so don't pack valuables.

I'm looking for some opinions on Windjammer's Barefoot cruises. Is there an opportunity to learn a little bit about sailing, while letting the crew do the heavy lifting?

You're really along for the ride. At most, you might get a chance to help the crew pull a rope.

Where can I get some information on reasonably priced fall cruises?

Cruises are so cheap this fall, it's simply amazing. It's not uncommon to get deals of \$50 per person per day double. You can go directly to the Web sites of the cruise lines or to discounters such as www.vacationstogo.com, www.cruisesonly.com and www.cruise-club.com. Or you can contact your local travel agent, who can do the legwork for you.



Cruises for fall are going cheap — just ask your travel agent (or look online).

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN TUESDAY'S Personal Tech section, Rob Pegoraro advised users to leave their computers on to avoid a lengthy boot-up process. He is correct that a PC's sleep feature, if enabled, uses less electricity than a computer in active mode, but he is misinterpreting the purpose of this sleep feature. A large number of PCs on the market use power management per federal guidelines, where a qualified system uses 70 percent less electricity in sleep mode than computers without power management features. But this feature should not be used as a replacement for occasionally turning a computer off. Keep in mind that carbon is being fed into the atmosphere for every hour a computer is drawing electricity.

—ERIN TRAGER
Washington, D.C.

I'D LIKE TO ADD a few Metro pet peeves: There is no excuse for torturing passengers with bad breath and body odor. If you're going to eat garlic and pastrami, for heaven's sake, scrape your tongue or buy some mouthwash. Plus, drowning yourself in perfume and/or cologne makes an unwashed body smell worse, not better.

—IRIS D. RICE
Washington, D.C.

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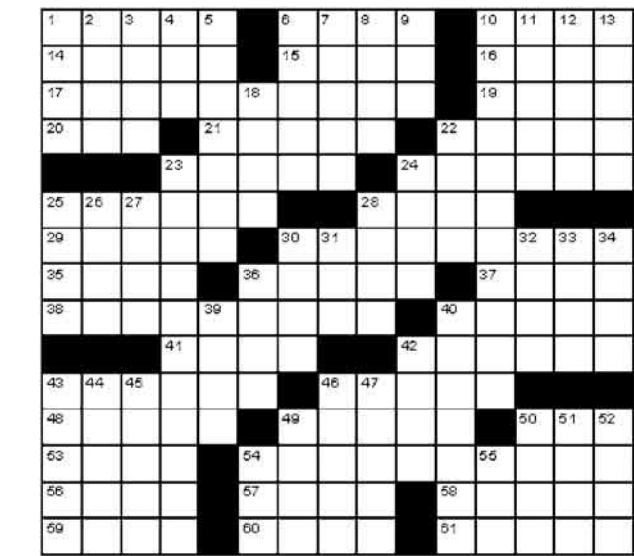
Yesterday's Solutions



Crossword Puzzle | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Fortune-teller's deck
- 6 Rabbit tail
- 10 Kind of shaft
- 14 Happy place to walk?
- 15 House for El Cid
- 16 First place?
- 17 Pirate ship indicator
- 19 Use tea leaves, in a way
- 20 Binary system element
- 21 ___ space
- 22 Chatter
- 23 Like the wash, before the rinse cycle
- 24 Robert or Elizabeth
- 25 Set afire
- 28 Room for El Cid
- 29 Urban blight
- 30 Thousands of years
- 35 Sugar unit
- 36 Word with Erie or root
- 37 Mafia bigwigs
- 38 On fire
- 40 Soph preceder
- 41 It may be final
- 42 Good partner?
- 43 Tennis champion Neale, 1960
- 46 Nonreturn-able wedding



- present?
- 48 Clark's associate
- 49 Crease
- 50 Equal a bet
- 53 He has an apple named after him
- 54 Bakery offering
- 56 Sandwich with sliced roast lamb
- 57 Charged particles
- 58 Make euphoric

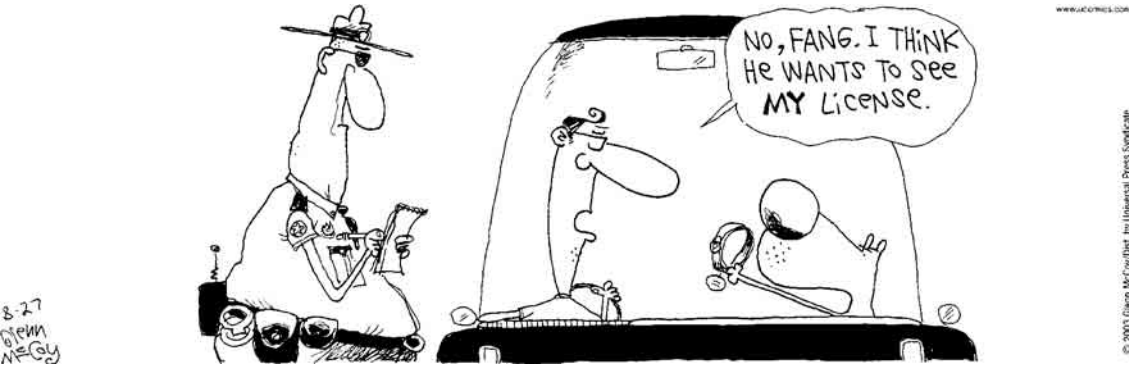
- 59 "Mine eyes have ___"
- 60 Memorable date
- 61 Had a spread

DOWN

- 1 General during World War II
- 2 Popular author's ID
- 3 Respiratory sound
- 4 Cruet filler

- 18 Hardly genteel
- 22 Wan
- 23 Nursery rhyme character
- 24 Fanciful
- 25 Anagram of lies
- 26 Moody
- 27 Without feeling
- 28 Refinery dross
- 30 Disfigure
- 31 Travelers' stopover
- 32 Twelve
- 33 "Meet Me ___ Louis"
- 34 Begrimed with soot
- 36 Bygone despot
- 39 Fellers
- 40 Type of truck
- 42 Word with master or floor
- 43 Droops
- 44 Color once more
- 45 On top of it
- 46 Massey of old films
- 47 Informative
- 49 Stir to action
- 50 Ending for many places in Asia
- 51 Novel conclusion
- 52 "One-___ Jacks" (1961)
- 54 Beseech
- 55 First name in gins

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) —You may not be able to put your best foot forward as you had planned, but you can still get noticed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) —You must be willing to do things a little more slowly and with more care. Your usual style may not be hazard-free at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) —A sudden feeling of inadequacy is not likely to last, as an opportunity to shine will be upon you before long.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) —It's time to find a new outlet for your creativity, as you are very likely feeling cut off and stifled right now —whether you know it or not.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) —You may encounter someone or something that puts you on a slightly different path. Be sure you're aware of any subtle changes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) —You'll enjoy a good deal of excitement as a result of an unusual encounter. Just don't let personal safety fall by the wayside.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) —You're likely to get a good look at someone you love in a new light. Renewed interest and vigor are but two valuable benefits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) —Your calm reserve may be challenged by someone who is eager to shake you up in some way. Don't succumb; you can avoid all such traps.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) —Your surroundings are not likely to affect you as strongly as you had expected. Tap into your own inner strength and focus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) —It's a good day to focus on your inner energies and drive. You needn't work too hard at those things that benefit only others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) —What you accomplish may be remembered for some time —not only because you did it, but because it will prove a valuable service.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) —You are certainly riding the crest of a high-energy wave, and nothing can put you down save a good dose of self-deception. Avoid it.

VIOLENCE AGAINST TRANSGENDERS

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

EARLINE BUDD, a transgender (male to female), activist and program manager for Transgender Support Services at Us Helping Us, a community-based AIDS service organization, was online Tuesday to discuss recent crime against transgenders and what can be done about it.

Why do you think transgenders are targets of crime?

We are targets in that we live opposite our birth sex and that is also based on society's views on what is normal. Concerning the recent attacks and murders, we feel very much that these are possibly isolated incidents. But they still can be considered hate crimes because they are specific attacks on transgender individuals.

Does "transgender" refer to people who are pre-operative and post-operative? How is "transgender" different from "transsexual"?

In a very quick response, yes, transgender does encompass pre-op, post-op and transsexual because it is an umbrella term that includes an array of different communities.

However, while this is basic terminology that is given to us by some states (California — and specifically San Francisco), many transsexuals, inter-sexed individuals, pre-ops, post-ops do not identify with this term.

Do you feel that the crimes directed at transgendered individuals are any different from those directed at racial minorities? (For example, a white supremacist who doesn't like Latinos or blacks and attacks them).

I do agree that in terms of the result of these assaults and the murders that they are the equivalent of crimes of racial and ethnic prejudice. The assaults and the murders could be equated to the same level of crimes committed against individuals on the basis of race and ethnicity.

Today on Live Online

11 A.M. Back to School. Charles County Superintendent James Richmond discusses the county's plans and strategies for the new academic year.

People



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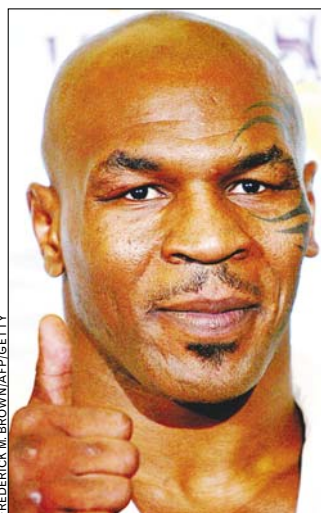
Nothing But Love

KELLY RIPA says she's tired of the rumors that she and her "Live With Regis and Kelly" co-host **REGIS PHILBIN** don't get along. "There are two men in my life I've never fought with. One is my husband, the other is my co-host," Ripa told *Lifetime* magazine. "Every day before we go on the air, we tell each other, 'I'm really glad I'm here.'" The 32-year-old also said she never wanted to compare herself to her predecessor, Kathie Lee Gifford, who sat next to Philbin on the morning talk show for 15 years. Ripa took over the job in February 2001. (AP)

SPORTS

Sage Advice

Former boxing champion **MIKE TYSON**, who served three years in prison on a rape conviction, says he empathizes with basketball star Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers guard who is facing sexual assault charges. Tyson said he wished Bryant "the best" and urged the NBA star to stay close to his family, because Bryant will need them to visit him if he ends up in jail. (EXPRESS)



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LAW

Patron Sues Puffy

A Queens woman filed a lawsuit against **SEAN "P. DIDDY" COMBS** for \$5 million, claiming a bouncer at his Manhattan restaurant, Justin's, threw her to the ground and dragged her on the pavement. Stephanie Grieson, 35, said she was arguing with a friend when the bouncer grabbed her by the neck and dragged her down the sidewalk, *The New York Post* reported Tuesday. Grieson was left with wounds on her legs. (AP)



MUSIC

Keith Tops Country Nods

TOBY KEITH received six nominations for Country Music Association Awards on Tuesday, with Johnny Cash picking up four, two involving his rendition of a song by rock act Nine Inch Nails. Keith led all nominees, with nods for best entertainer, male vocalist, and album of the year for "Unleashed." "Beer for My Horses," a collaboration with Willie Nelson, was nominated for best song, single, music video and vocal event. (AP)



LAW

Bobby in Jail Until Court

Singer **BOBBY BROWN** will stay in jail until a court appearance Wednesday, officials said. Brown has been in a Georgia jail since being arrested on Friday for violating his probation from



an earlier drunk driving conviction. A warrant was issued last month, but he was not arrested until Friday night, when he was spotted at a suburban Atlanta restaurant with wife Whitney Houston. The singer was arrested because he did not show up for court-ordered community service, drug treatment or a random drug test. (AP)

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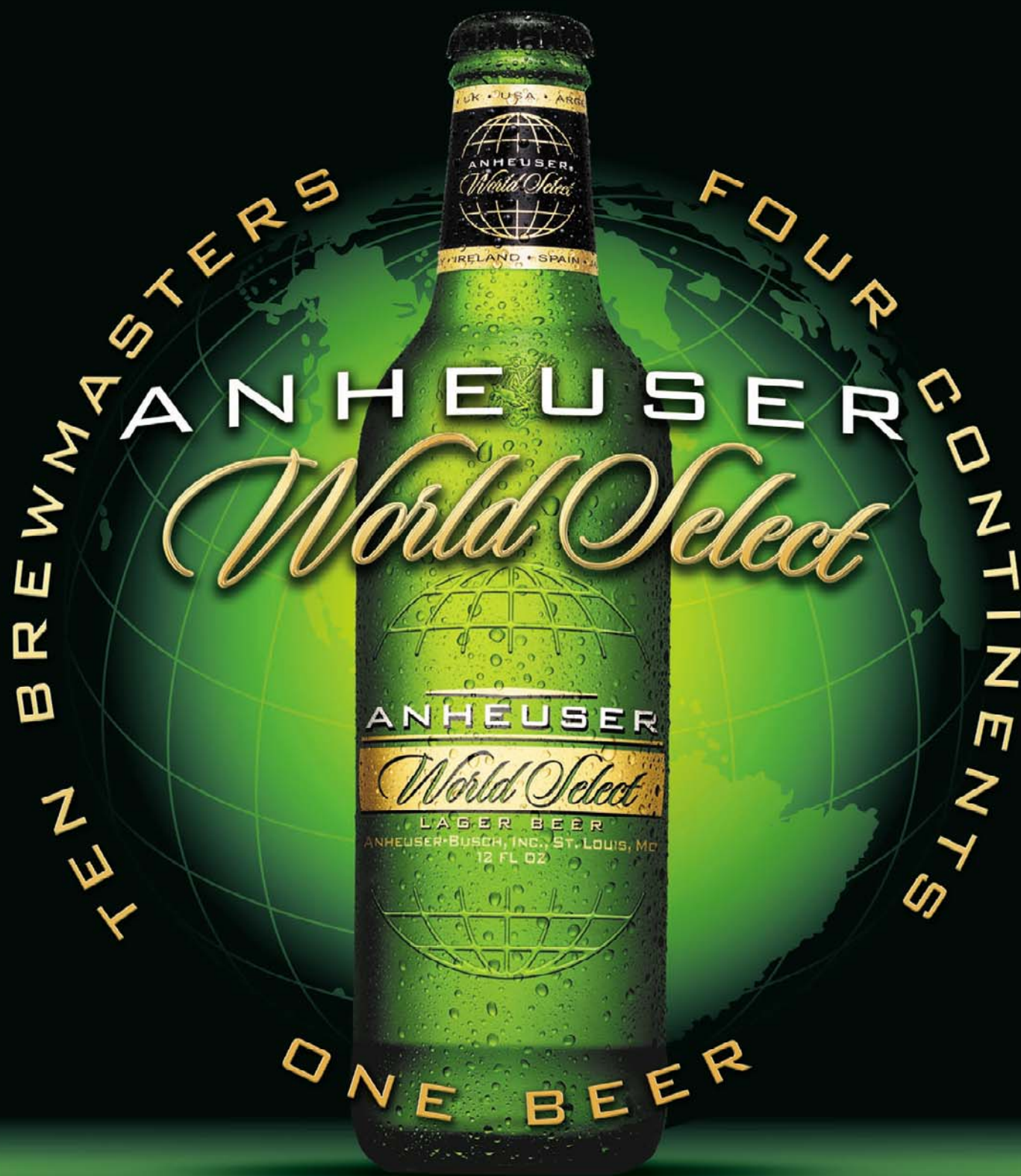
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